PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Docket No: Q94347 Yoshiyuki SATA Application No.: 10/574,949 Group Art Unit: 1791 Confirmation No.: 7324 Examiner: Martin K. Rogers Filed: February 28, 2007 TIRE MANUFACTURING METHOD, PRESET BEAD MOLDING APPARATUS, AND For: PRESET BEAD MOLDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages. TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS2

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